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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2006

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Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended and P.A. 71 of 1919, as amended.

Local Unit of Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twp <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Unit Name SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP	County CLARE
Fiscal Year End 3-31-06	Opinion Date 5-24-06 23 SLW	Date Audit Report Submitted to State 7-5-06	

We affirm that:

We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following material, "no" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (report of comments and recommendations).

YES NO **Check each applicable box below.** (See instructions for further detail.)

1. ☒ ☐ All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.
2. ☐ ☒ There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures.
3. ☒ ☐ The local unit is in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury.
4. ☒ ☐ The local unit has adopted a budget for all required funds.
5. ☒ ☐ A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute.
6. ☒ ☐ The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division.
7. ☒ ☐ The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
8. ☒ ☐ The local unit only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements.
9. ☒ ☐ The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the *Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan*, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).
10. ☒ ☐ There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.
11. ☒ ☐ The local unit is free of repeated comments from previous years.
12. ☒ ☐ The audit opinion is UNQUALIFIED.
13. ☒ ☐ The local unit has complied with GASB 34 or GASB 34 as modified by MCGAA Statement #7 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
14. ☒ ☐ The board or council approves all invoices prior to payment as required by charter or statute.
15. ☒ ☐ To our knowledge, bank reconciliations that were reviewed were performed timely.

If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	Not Required (enter a brief justification)	
Financial Statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The letter of Comments and Recommendations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other (Describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name) WEINLANDER FITZHUGH		Telephone Number (989) 386-3481	
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Independent Auditors' Report

May 23, 2006

To the Township Board
Sheridan Township
Clare County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sheridan Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Sheridan Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Sheridan Township's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sheridan Township as of March 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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As described in Note 1, the Government has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of the GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as of April 1, 2005.

Required Supplemental Information

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison listed in the table of contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Our discussion and analysis of the Sheridan Township's (Township) financial performance provides an overview of the Township's financial activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006.

Financial Highlights

The Township's net assets increased by \$73,685 or 12%. Program revenues were \$57,597 or 30% of total revenues, and general revenues were \$131,881 or 70%.

Using this Annual Financial Report

This annual financial report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Sheridan Township financially as a whole. The *Government-wide Financial Statements* provide information about the activities of the whole Township, presenting both an aggregate view of the Township's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. The fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For Governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the Township's operations in more detail than the Government-wide financial statements by providing information about the Township's most significant fund – the General Fund. The remaining statement, the statement of fiduciary net assets, presents financial information about activities for which the Township acts solely as an agent or trustee. The following summarizes the presentation included in this annual financial report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (Required Supplemental Information)

Basic Financial Statements

- Government-wide Financial Statements
- Fund Financial Statements
- Notes to Financial Statements

Budgetary Information for the General Fund (Required Supplemental Information)

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Reporting the Township as a Whole

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about the Township's finances is, "Is the Township better or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the Township as a whole and about its activities in a manner that helps to answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into consideration regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Township's net assets as a way to measure the Township's financial position. The change in net assets provides the reader a tool to assist in determining whether the Township's financial health is improving or deteriorating. The reader will need to consider other non-financial factors such as property tax base and facility conditions in arriving at their conclusion regarding the overall health of Township.

Reporting the Township's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The Township's fund financial statements provide detail information about the most significant funds – not the Township as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. Other funds are established to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to meet legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other sources of revenue. The Township's two types of funds, governmental and fiduciary, use different accounting approaches as further described in the notes to the financial statements.

Governmental Funds

Most of the Township's activities are reported in Governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detail short-term view of the Township's general operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources available to spend in the near future to finance the Township's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the basic financial statements.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Fiduciary Funds

The Township is the trustee, or fiduciary, for tax collections. All of the Township's fiduciary activities are reported in the separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets. We exclude these activities from the Township's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the Township to finance its operations.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

The statement of net assets provides the perspective of the Township as a whole. Exhibit A provides a summary of the Township's net assets as of March 31, 2006:

Exhibit A	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Current and other assets	\$ 549,564
Capital assets - Net of accumulated depreciation	<u>130,915</u>
Total assets	<u>680,479</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	<u>13,712</u>
Net Assets	
Invested in property and equipment	130,915
Restricted	37,917
Unrestricted	<u>497,935</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 666,767</u></u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

This analysis focuses on net assets. The Township's net assets were \$666,767 at March 31, 2006. Capital assets compares the original costs, less depreciation of the Township's capital assets.

The \$497,935 in unrestricted net assets of governmental type activities represents the *accumulated* results of all past years' operations. The operating results of the General Fund will have a significant impact on the change in unrestricted net assets from year to year.

The results of this year's operations for the Township as a whole are reported in the statement of activities (Exhibit B), which shows the changes in net assets for the year ended March 31, 2006. Since this is the first year the Township has prepared financial statements following GASB Statement No. 34, revenue and expense comparison to fiscal year 2005 is not available.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Exhibit B

**Governmental
Activities**

Revenue

Program revenue:

Charges for services

\$ 54,948

Grants and contributions

2,649

General revenue:

Property taxes

2,487

State revenue sharing

108,217

Special assessments

9,769

Other

11,408

Total revenue

189,478

Function/Program Expenses

General government

62,394

Public safety

28,543

Public works

15,272

Highways and streets

8,790

Recreation and culture

794

Total expenses

115,793

Increase in Net Assets

\$ 73,685

As reported in the statement of activities, the cost of all of our *Governmental type* activities this year was \$115,793. Certain activities were partially funded from those who benefited from the programs or by the other Townships and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and categoricals. We paid for the remaining "public benefit" portion of our governmental activities with \$2,487 in taxes, \$108,217 in State shared revenues, \$9,769 in special assessments and with our other revenues, such as interest and miscellaneous revenues.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

The Township experienced an increase in net assets of \$73,685. Key reasons for the change in net assets was the adoption of a special assessment for rubbish removal beginning January 1, 2006. Only three months of rubbish removal was incurred, while a whole year has been collected as revenue. There was also a decrease in spending on roads from the prior year. The increase will be used for future rubbish removal costs, road projects and other Township improvements and services. The increase in net assets differs from the change in fund balance and a reconciliation appears in the financial statements.

The Township's Funds

The Township uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes. Looking at funds helps the reader consider whether the Township is being accountable for the resources taxpayers and others provide to it and may provide more insight into the Township's overall financial health.

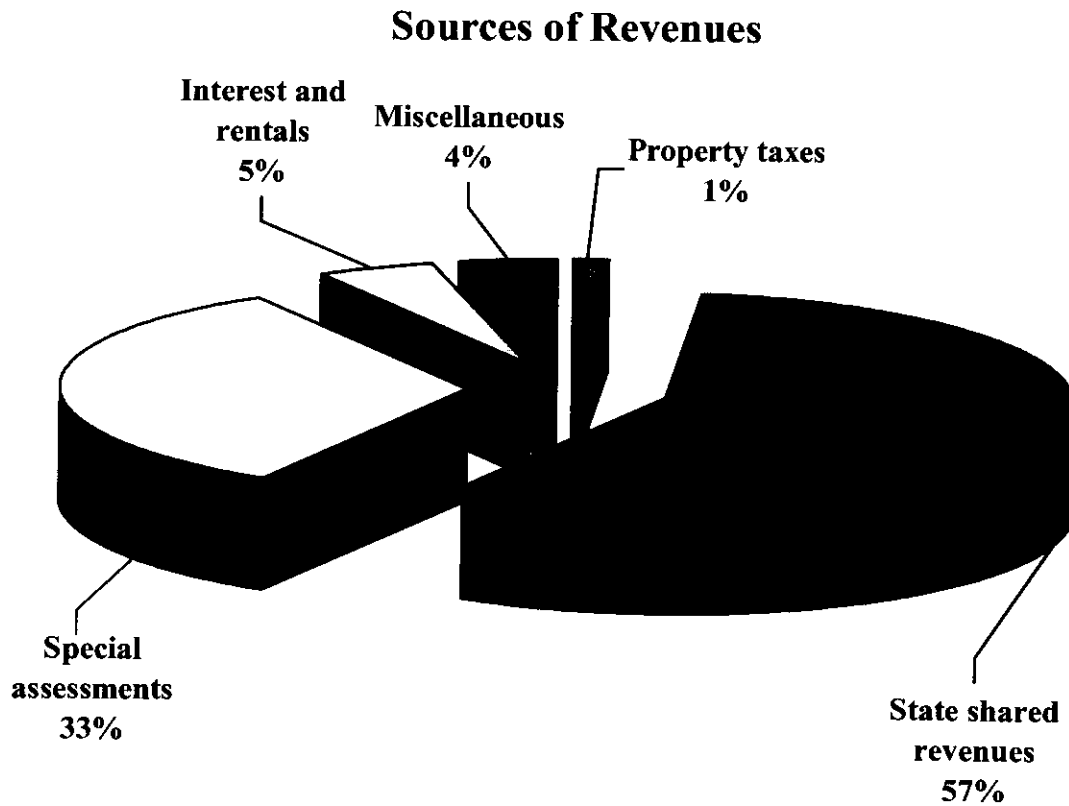
The Township's governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$535,852, which is above last year's total of \$460,572. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balances as of March 31, 2006 and 2005.

	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>March 31, 2006</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u> <u>March 31, 2005</u>	<u>Change</u>
General	<u>\$ 535,852</u>	<u>\$ 460,572</u>	<u>\$ 75,280</u>

- Our General Fund increased \$75,280. The increase is mainly due to the adoption of a special assessment for rubbish removal beginning January 1, 2006. Only three months of rubbish removal was incurred, while a whole year has been collected as revenue. There was also a decrease in spending on roads from the prior year. The increase will be used for future rubbish removal costs, road projects and other Township improvements and services.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

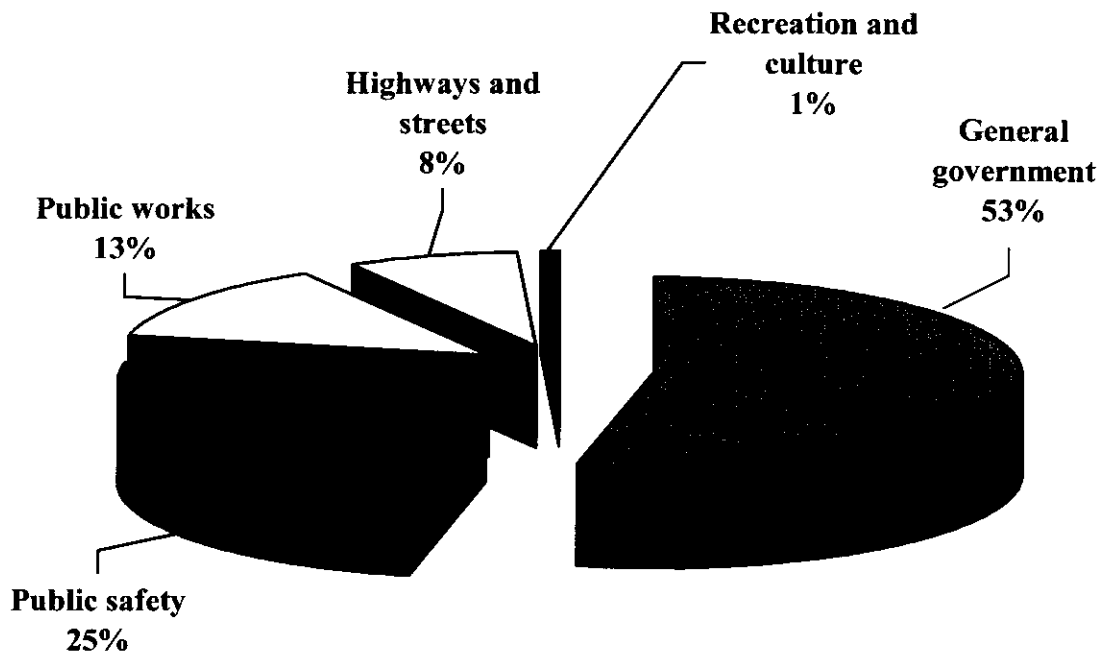
As the graph below illustrates, the largest portion of the Township's revenue comes from state revenue sharing.



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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

The graph below illustrates, 25% of the Townships' resources are spent on public safety, which includes fire protection. Another 13% is spent on public works on services such as rubbish removal, while 53% is spent for general government expenses such as administrative costs and hall and grounds, including utilities. The remaining 9% is spent on other services provided to the residents of the Township as listed below.

Expenditures



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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

The chart below compares current year expenditures with prior year.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<i>Expenditures by Function</i>		
General government	\$ 60,799	\$ 185,740
Public safety	28,543	21,837
Public works	15,272	0
Highways and streets	8,790	55,566
Recreation and culture	<u>794</u>	<u>3,470</u>
Total	<u>\$ 114,198</u>	<u>\$ 266,613</u>

Expenditures are down by approximately \$152,000 or 57% over the prior year mostly due to decreased spending in road repair and maintenance and hall remodeling.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Township revises its budget to reflect changes in expenditures. State law requires that the budget be amended to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations. A schedule showing the Township's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided in required supplemental information of these financial statements. The differences between the budget and the final actual amounts are as follows:

- The Township currently does not adopt a revenue budget.
- Budgeted expenditures increased from the original budget by \$9,000. This was due to expected increases in general government for Clerk, Assessor and hall expenses. Increased road expenses were also expected.
- Actual expenditures were under the budgeted expenditures by \$10,747. The difference is due to less being paid for fire protection services, dust control services and library services. There were also less expenses in the general government due to fewer improvements on the hall building than originally expected. These differences were offset by the cost of rubbish removal.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Capital Assets

At March 31, 2006, the Township had \$130,915 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including building improvements, machinery, and equipment. This amount represents a net decrease (including additions and disposals) of approximately \$1,595, or 1%, from last year.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Buildings and improvements	\$ 135,672	\$ 133,304
Machinery and equipment	<u>5,845</u>	<u>4,745</u>
Total capital assets	141,517	138,049
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>10,602</u>	<u>5,539</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 130,915</u>	<u>\$ 132,510</u>

This year's additions of \$3,468 included a new computer for the Treasurer and graveling of the hall parking lot. No debt was issued for these additions.

We do not anticipate any major capital additions in the current year. We present more detailed information about our capital assets in the notes to the financial statements.

Factors Expected to Have an Effect on Future Operations

We expect to see a decline in state shared revenue next year as the State of Michigan continues to face challenges in balancing its budget. We will need to adjust Township expenditures in response to any revenue shortfall.

Requests For Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Township's finances for all those with an interest in Sheridan Township. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Sheridan Township
8110 Washington
Clare, MI 48617

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Statement of Net Assets
March 31, 2006

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 470,510
Due from other funds	66,074
Special assessments receivable	12,980
Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation of \$10,602	<u>130,915</u>
Total Assets	<u>680,479</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts payable	600
Payroll liabilities	132
Deferred revenue	<u>12,980</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,712</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>	
Investment in capital assets	130,915
Restricted for hall improvements	371
Restricted for rubbish removal	37,546
Unrestricted	<u>497,935</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 666,767</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Governmental</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating Grants/</u>	<u>Activities</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense)</u>
				<u>Revenue and</u>
				<u>Changes in</u>
				<u>Net Assets</u>
Primary Government -				
Governmental activities:				
Operating:				
General government	\$ 62,394	\$ 2,130	\$ 0	\$ (60,264)
Public safety	28,543	0	0	(28,543)
Public works	15,272	52,818	0	37,546
Highways and streets	8,790	0	2,649	(6,141)
Recreation and culture	794	0	0	(794)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 115,793</u>	<u>\$ 54,948</u>	<u>\$ 2,649</u>	<u>(58,196)</u>
General revenues:				
State shared revenues				108,217
Special assessments				9,769
Interest				8,627
Miscellaneous				2,781
Property taxes				<u>2,487</u>
Total general revenues				<u>131,881</u>
Change in net assets				73,685
Net assets - beginning of year				<u>593,082</u>
Net assets - end of year				<u>\$ 666,767</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Governmental Fund
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2006

ASSETS

	General Fund
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 470,510
Due from other funds	66,074
Special assessments receivable	<u>12,980</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 549,564</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 600
Payroll liabilities	132
Deferred revenue	<u>12,980</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,712</u>

Fund Balance

Reserved for hall improvements	371
Reserved for rubbish removal	37,546
Unreserved and undesignated	<u>497,935</u>
Total fund balance	<u>535,852</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 549,564</u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Reconciliation of Balance Sheet of Governmental Fund
to the Statement of Net Assets
March 31, 2006

Total fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 535,852
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds	
Cost of the capital assets	141,517
Accumulated depreciation	(10,602)
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Total net assets - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 666,767</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Governmental Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

	General Fund
<u>Revenues</u>	
State shared revenues	\$ 108,217
Special assessments	62,587
Interest	8,627
Miscellaneous	7,560
Property taxes	2,487
Total revenues	<u>189,478</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Current:	
General government	60,799
Public safety	28,543
Public works	15,272
Highways and streets	8,790
Recreation and culture	794
Total expenditures	<u>114,198</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	75,280
Fund balance - beginning of year	<u>460,572</u>
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$ 535,852</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund	\$ 75,280
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation	
Depreciation expense	(5,063)
Capital outlay	3,468
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Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 73,685</u></u>

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
March 31, 2006

	<u>Current Tax Fund</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	\$ 56,719
Due from other governmental units	<u>9,886</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 66,605</u></u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>	
Due to other governmental units	\$ 531
Due to other funds	<u>66,074</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>\$ 66,605</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Sheridan Township (Township) conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by Sheridan Township:

Reporting Entity

Sheridan Township is governed by an elected five member council (Board). The accompanying financial statements present the government.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as is the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, state-shared revenue, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

The Township reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Deposits and Investments – Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

Receivables and Payables – In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

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Notes to Financial Statements
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

All trade and property tax receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts. Property taxes are levied on each December 1st on the taxable valuation of property as of the preceding December 31st. Taxes are considered delinquent on March 1st of the following year, at which time penalties and interest are assessed.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include building improvements, machinery and equipment are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 3 years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add value or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Building, vehicles, and equipment are being depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings	40 Years
Building improvements	10 to 20 Years
Vehicles	10 to 15 Years
Office equipment	5 to 15 Years
Computer equipment	3 to 5 Years

Long-term Obligations – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net assets. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Use of Estimates – The process of preparing the basic financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Accounting Change – Effective April 1, 2005, the Township implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* (GASB No. 34). Changes to the Township's financial statements as a result of GASB No. 34 are as follows:

A Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing analysis of the Township's overall financial position and results of operations has been included.

Government-wide financial statements (statement of net assets and statement of activities) prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Township's activities have been provided.

Net assets at April 1, 2005 are as follows:

Fund balance - beginning of year - governmental fund	\$460,572
Capital assets	138,049
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,539)</u>
Net assets - beginning of year - governmental activities	<u>\$593,082</u>

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NOTE 2 – BUDGETS

The State of Michigan adopted a Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Act) applicable to all local governmental entities in the state. The law requires appropriation acts to be adopted for General and Special Revenue Funds of governments prior to the expenditure of monies in a fiscal year.

Sheridan Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

1. The Township's supervisor submits to the Board a proposed budget prior to April 1 of each year. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board throughout the year. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations. Budgets are adopted to the functional level.
4. Appropriations lapse at year-end. These appropriations are re-established at the beginning of the following year.

A comparison of actual results of operations to the budgeted amounts (at the level of control adopted by the Board) for the General Fund is presented as Required Supplemental Information.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds – During the year, Sheridan Township incurred expenditures in certain budgeted funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Budget Appropriation</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget Variance</u>
General Fund			
Public Works	\$ 6,550	\$ 15,272	\$ (8,722)

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the local governmental unit to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations which have an office in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rates within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. The Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

At year-end, the Government's deposits were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 470,510	\$ 56,719	\$ 527,229

Custodial Credit Risk- Deposits

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned to it. As of March 31, 2006, \$242,270 of the Township's bank balance of \$597,270 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

The Township's investment policy does not identify interest rate risk, foreign currency risk or concentration credit risk.

The Township has no investments as of March 31, 2006

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the Township for the current year was as follows:

	Balance April 1, 2005	Additions	Disposals and Adjustments	Balance March 31, 2006
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building improvements	\$ 133,304	\$ 2,368	\$ 0	\$ 135,672
Machinery and equipment	4,745	1,100	0	5,845
Subtotal	138,049	3,468	0	141,517
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building improvements	3,449	3,568	0	7,017
Machinery and equipment	2,090	1,495	0	3,585
Subtotal	5,539	5,063	0	10,602
Governmental Activities, Total				
Capital Assets - Net of Depreciation	<u>\$ 132,510</u>	<u>\$(1,595)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 130,915</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the Township as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General government	<u>\$ 5,063</u>

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NOTE 5 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

A summary of inter-fund receivable and payable balances at March 31, 2006 is as

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>
General	\$ 66,074	\$ 0
Tax Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>66,074</u>
	<u>\$ 66,074</u>	<u>\$ 66,074</u>

follows:

These interfund receivable and payable balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that tax payments between funds are made.

There were no interfund transfers during the fiscal year.

NOTE 6 – RISK MANAGEMENT

Sheridan Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Sheridan Township participates in the Michigan Municipal League risk pool for claims relating to workers' compensation, general liability, and property/casualty claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Michigan Municipal League risk pool program operates as a common risk-sharing management program for local units of government in Michigan; member premiums are used to purchase commercial excess insurance coverage and to pay member claims in excess of deductible amounts.

The Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority risk pool program operates as a claims servicing pool for amounts up to member retention limits, and operates as a common risk-sharing management program for losses in excess of member retention amounts. Although premiums are paid annually to the Authority, that the Authority uses to pay claims up to the retention limits, the ultimate liability for those claims remains with Sheridan Township.

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NOTE 6- RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority's State Pool program operates as a common risk-sharing management program for local units of government in Michigan. Member premiums are used to purchase excess insurance coverage and to pay member claims in excess of deductible amounts. A portion of the excess insurance coverage is underwritten by the Authority itself.

The Michigan Townships Participating Plan operates as an insurance purchasing pool for local units of government in Michigan. The Plan purchases commercial insurance on behalf of its members at a lower cost than would be available on an individual basis.

Required Supplemental Information

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP
Required Supplemental Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

	Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues</u>				
State shared revenues	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 108,217	\$ 108,217
Special assessments	0	0	62,587	62,587
Interest	0	0	8,627	8,627
Miscellaneous	0	0	7,560	7,560
Property taxes	0	0	2,487	2,487
Total revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>189,478</u>	<u>189,478</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Current:				
General government	65,700	72,700	60,799	11,901
Public safety	30,695	30,695	28,543	2,152
Public works	6,550	6,550	15,272	(8,722)
Highways and streets	10,000	12,000	8,790	3,210
Recreation and culture	3,000	3,000	794	2,206
Total expenses	<u>115,945</u>	<u>124,945</u>	<u>114,198</u>	<u>10,747</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(115,945)	(124,945)	75,280	178,731
Fund balance-beginning of year	<u>460,572</u>	<u>460,572</u>	<u>460,572</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund balance-end of year	<u>\$ 344,627</u>	<u>\$ 335,627</u>	<u>\$ 535,852</u>	<u>\$ 178,731</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



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May 23, 2006

Township Board
Township of Sheridan
Clare County, Michigan

This letter is intended to inform the Township Board about significant matters related to the conduct of the annual audit so it can appropriately discharge its oversight responsibility and that we comply with our professional responsibilities to the Township Board.

The following summarizes various matters which must be communicated to you under U.S. generally accepted auditing standards.

The Auditor's Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

Our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Sheridan for the year ended March 31, 2006 was conducted in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error, fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Accordingly, the audit was designed to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about the financial statements. We believe our audit accomplished that objective.

Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the preparation of financial statements and are based upon management's current judgment. The process used by management encompasses their knowledge and experience about past and current events and certain assumptions about future events. Management has informed us they used all the relevant facts available to them at the time to make the best judgments about accounting estimates and we considered this information in the scope of our audit. These estimates are relatively insignificant in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a significant audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. Our audit adjustments were not significant.

Accounting Policies and Alternative Treatments

Management and the Township Board have the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the Township. The significant accounting policies adopted by the Township are described in Footnote 1 to the financial statements.

Disagreements with Management

We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

Consultations with Other Accountants

We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

Major Issues Discussed with Management Prior to Retention

No major issues were discussed with management prior to our retention to perform the aforementioned audit.



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Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We did not encounter any difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Other Comments

Adoption of Revenue Budget

It was observed during our audit that the Township did not adopt a revenue budget for the general fund. The State of Michigan, Department of Treasury, Uniform Budget Manual, Section 16 requires that the Township adopt a revenue budget by source, at a minimum. In order for the Township to be in compliance with the State of Michigan, the Township will need to adopt a revenue budget for the current fiscal year and going forward. Adopting a revenue budget will also show the public that the Township's elected officials are planning responsibly for future revenue collections.

Disbursement of Rubbish Special Assessment

It was observed during our audit that the general fund received very little of the rubbish special assessments collected before the tax settlement with Clare County. This creates an unnecessary strain on the general fund checking account because the payments for rubbish collection services are paid for through out the year. It is suggested that the rubbish special assessments are disbursed to the general fund on a timely basis in order to maintain a comfortable cash flow in the general fund checking account.

Closing

We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about the foregoing. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to Sheridan Township.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Township Board and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified parties.

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